Approved For Release 1999/09/09: CIA 'R007400070001-6 CLASSIFICATION TYTELLOFAX 17 CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY REPORT NO. INFORMATION REPORT CD NO. 25X1A COUNTRY Czechoslovakia DATE DISTR. 26 April 1951 SUBJECT Measures Taken by the Ministry of Mational NO. OF PAGES Defense to Suppress Bandera Bands 25X1A Document No. ____ **PLACE** No Change In Class. NO. OF ENCLS. **ACQUIRED** LISTED BELOW Declassified Class. Changed To: TS S & DATE OF SUPPLEMENT TO Auth.: HB 70-2 INFO. REPORT NO. 25X1X After World War II, members of Ukrainian Partisan Army (UPA) units, which had been disbanded in Poland and western Ukraine, attempted to cross Slovekia for the purpose of entering the U.S. Zone of Germany. The wooded Vihorlat mountains afforded them shelter until they crossed Czechoslovakia for the U.S. Zone. Since 1946 the area of Kamenica nad Cirochou (R49/E86) has been a transient point and refuge for Bandera groups. The Czech military authorities, in an attempt to stop the novements of Bandera numbers, organized a Security Element* to patrol the forested sections and to make surprise attacks on UPA units and other subversive groups. In western Ukraine, the Soviet Command, with the assistance of the Polish army, took action against Bandera groups and the Armija Krajowa (Polish Forces of the Interior). The Security Element was organized by General Stanislaw Cerrak, Chief of Department III/8 of the Ministry of National Defense (MIO).** The territory under the surervision of the Security Element is divided into eight areas, which are in turn divided into sub-areas. Headquarters of the Security Element is located in Kamenica nad Cirochou, and some of its officer personnel are as follows: CO Staff Capt. Inf. Jan Hikuska, aged 35 years. charge of the Military Forest Administration (VLP), he is in control of all the areas and reports directly to 1710 Department III/8. Assistant CO lst Lt. Stefan Michalka, aged 28. He is chairman of the ROH local organization at Kamenica in addition to being Assistant CO of the VLP. Quarterraster of VLP Lt. Jan Kralik, aged 38; treasurer of the MOH. Paymaster of VLP 2nd Lt. Jan Dzenda, aged 33; secretary of the ROH in Kamenica. Marchouse Officer 2nd Lt. Jan Benko, aged 28. A veteran Communist Party member, he fought in the USSR during World CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION STATE NAVY NSRB DISTRIBUTION ARMY 母性 AIR

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War II. He is on the party committee at Kamenica.

- The eight areas are organized as follows; the Roman numerals are keyed to Attachment I.
 - a. Area I, Hqs at Kamenica nad Cirochou:

CO

Stefan Javos, aged 40. He is a member of the ROH and of the local party organization and acts as limison officer with units arriving at the Karenica firing range. He works closely with the SHB, STB and public administration.

Deruty COs

- It. Jan Peresta, CO of Guard Detail of sub-area Modra (R49/E46) and a member of the ROH committee at Modra. He is about 48 years old.
- Lt. Stefan Barat, CO of Guard Detail of sub-area Valackovce (R49/E95) and vice-chairman of the local party organization. He is 35 years of age.
- 3) 2nd Lt. Jan Groman, 00 of Guard Detail of subarea Drnava (R49/D83) and a rember of the local committee. He is 35 years old.
- 2nd Lt. Jan Krajnik, CO of guard detail of subarea at benchmark 620. He is 36 years old.
- b. Area II, Hqs at Karienka (P49/E85):

CO

lst Lt. Jozef Slojsar, aged 40. He is a member of the local party organization committee, and his duties are similar to those of the CO of Area I. Since Slojsar's work load is not as heavy as that of the CO of Area I, he often attends conferences of the district and regional security officers.

Deputy COs

- 1) Lt. Jan Zidov, CO of Guard Detail of sub-area Hazin (R49/E84). He is 40 years of age.
- Lt. Jan Zak, CO of Guard Detail of sub-area Jedlinka (R50/Z41). He is 52 years old.
- 3) 2nd Lt. Jan Skuba, CO of Guard Detail of subarea Vihorlat (R49/E95); 32 years of age.
- c. Area III, Hqs at Hamry (R49/E96):

CO

lst Lt. Eugen Hornansky, aged 33. He is the brother-in-law of General Parks, Arty CO of the 4th Military District. In addition to his regular duties, he is commander of Area I air activity and administrator of the air-field at Kamenica.

Deputy COs

- 2nd Lt. Ivan Lechan, aged 28. He is 60 of the Guard Detail in sub-area Cop (R49/E90); he is also a member of the party committee at Topol (050/178).
- 2) 2nd Lt. Stefan Jankay, aged 38. He is CO of the Guard Detail in sub-area Motrogon (F49/E95).
- d. Area IV, Hgs at Adidovce (R50/296):

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Deputy Cos

- 1) Lt. Michal Lieskovac, CO of Guard Detail of sub-area Ilovnica (?). He is 48 years old.
- 2) 2nd It. Josef Kakuta, CO of Guard Detail of sub-area Maskovce (R50/E86); he is 35 years of age. He served with the Soviet Air Force during World War II.

e. Area V, Hqs Porubka (R49/E85):

Tank ranges, tank destroyer ranges, and ammuntion dumps are located in this area. During World War II Porubka served as shelter for the partisans until it was burned down by the Germans.

CO

Capt. Ludovit Stasko, aged 28. He is an ROH committee member.

Deruty COs

- 1) Lt. Michal Michal'a, ared 45; his left hand has been amputated. He is CO of Guard Detail of sub-area Chlumec (149/E80).
- 2) Lt. Jan Stofcik, aged 40. He is CO of Guard Detail of sub-area Podskalka (sic, probably Podskalsko, R49/ES5).
- It. Stefan Fedak, CO of Guard Detail of subarea Jasenov (R49/E94). He is 37 years old.

f. Area VI, Hqs at Jovsa (R49/E94):

CO

Capt. Milan Balazic, aged 30. He is also CO of Jovsa Air District II and Klokocov Air District III.

Denuty COs

- 1) 1st Lt. Michal Kilian, aged 45. He is CO of the Guard Detail of sub-area Kyjov (R49/E65).
- Lt. Juraj Duris, aged 35, and a February 1948
 Communist. He is CO of Guard Detail of sub-area
 Klokocov (R49/E84).
- 3) Lt. Leopold Svabensky, aged 42. He is 60 of Guard Detail of sub-area of Nemecka Poruba (749/-E94).
- 4) Lt. Jan Hizak, CO of Guard Detail of sub-area Litoviska (?). He is 45 years ol.d
- 5) 2nd Lt. Aladar Bor, CO of Guard Detail of subarea Karna (R49/E76).
- 6) 2nd Lt. Andrej Hladky, aged 39, and a February 1948 Communist. He is CO of Guard Detail of subarea Kaluza (R49/E84).

g. Area VII, Hqs at Topola (S50/A17):

Like Adidovce, this headquarters is isolated from the Karenica complex. It is an important outlet to Poland and the USSR. Since this section is densely forested, only skilled men who are loyal to the regime are stationed at Topola. The following officers participated in action against UPA forces: Col. Ondrasek; Lt. Col. Wagner; Lt. Col. Richter; Staff Copt. Bestak.

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CO

Capt. Tibor Andel, aged 38, and a February 1948 Communist.

Deruty COs

- 1) Lt. Vasil Hrancar, about 45 years of age. He is CO of Guard Detail of sub-area Nastas (?), and he is a committee member of the Communist Party at Runina (S50/Al7).
- 2) 2nd Lt. Ivan Opak, ared 35, and a February 1948 Communist. He is CO of the Guard Detail of subarea Bukovec (\$49/A54).
- h. Area VIII, Mqs at Karenica nad Cirochou:

CO

Capt. Jan Knez, aged 45. He is in charge of personnel and teaches approximately 85 former partisans and other persons how to combat rebellions.

Assistant CO

1st Lt. Josef Tomes, aged 45, and a February 1948 Communist.

Deputy COs

- 1) Stefan Minich, agod 40. He is 60 of the military sawmill area, and he is a party and ROH functionary at Presov (R49/E37).
- 2) Lt. Jan Minich, aged 40,a February 1928 Communist, and an ROH chairman. He is CO of the Guard Detail sub-area "Valley Rika 12 km" (sic).
- A military training carp was established at Kamenica nad Cirochou in 1934 and was known as the "Army Forests Enterprise and Training Camp, Kamenica." In addition to general training functions, the camp was used as an artillery field range by units stationed in Slovakia east of the Poprad (050/b66)—Sobota Pimavska (049/D31) line. All types of armored units went there for firing practice. The camp was situated within the areas of Humenne (M49/E86), Enima (R49/E96), Michalovce (R49/E74), and Sobrance (R49/E93). Twenty-two hectares of forest offered facilities for special training, and the Czech General Staff had planned to use the camp eventually as a base against Poland, Hungary, and the USSR. In 1943, however, the partisans had infiltrated the area, and by the end of World War II, it had become a center for partisan groups, deserters, and underground groups. In 1945, the military training camp was reactivated.

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Comment: The Security Element is probably intended to mean the Military Forest Administration, which is mentioned in paragraph 2 and in Attachment III.

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Gorment: Department III appears to be an incorrect designation inasmuch as this department functions as the Surply organ of the MNO.

Attachments:

- I Sketch showing installations in Valskovce area, with legend.
- II Sketch showing installations at Kamenica mad Cirochou.
- * III Photostats showing location of military training camp at Kamenica nad Cirochou and units.